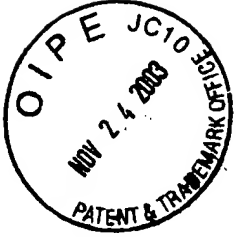


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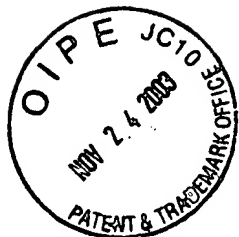
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 14, 2003, Applicant submits that the Amendment filed September 29, 2003 obviated the objection to the Amendment previously filed on September 15, 2003. In the Notice, the Legal Instruments Examiner specifically objected to the fact that claim 144 was presented as "canceled" and as "currently amended" in the September 15, 2003 Amendment. In the subsequent Amendment filed on September 29, 2003, claim 144 was clearly designated as canceled, thereby obviating the Legal Instruments Examiner's objection. In addition, Applicant spoke with Examiner Solola who indicated that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was withdrawn in light of the subsequent Amendment.

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